

sum of three thousand dollars; the gentleman from Baltimore county (Mr. Ridgely,) two thousand five hundred dollars; the gentleman from Washington (Mr. Davis,) two thousand dollars. The largest sum is therefore that reported by the committee.

The PRESIDENT. The question is to be first taken upon the amendments, and the amendment of the gentleman from Baltimore county (Mr. Ridgely) involves the largest sum.

Mr. TODD. I ask a division of the motion, and that the question may be first taken upon striking out the words "three thousand."

Mr. DANIEL. Can that be done under our rules?

The PRESIDENT. It cannot. Rule forty-one says: "a motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible," &c.

Mr. RIDGELY. It seems to be the desire of the house to get a vote upon the report of the committee, and the amendment which I have offered seems to throw some obstacle in the way of their doing so. In order to gratify the desire of the house to have a vote upon the sum reported by the committee, I will withdraw my amendment.

Mr. DAVIS, of Washington. Then I will move to amend by striking out the words "three thousand," and inserting the words "two thousand."

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman from Baltimore county (Mr. Ridgely) will perceive that by withdrawing his amendment he will deprive the house of the opportunity of voting upon the sum he named, viz. two thousand five hundred dollars.

Mr. TODD. In order to bring the house to a vote directly upon the sum reported by the committee, I will move to simply strike out "three thousand." If that is done, the blank can be filled up with such sum as the convention may determine to be proper.

The PRESIDENT. The first question will be upon the motion of the gentleman from Caroline (Mr. Todd,) to strike out the words "three thousand."

Upon this question Mr. MAYNUGH called for the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question was then taken, by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 35, nays 26—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Annan, Bond, Brown, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Ecker, Edelen, Galloway, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Keeler, King, Larsh, Lee, Markey, Maynugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parran, Purnell, Robinet, Sands, Smith, of Worcester, Swope, Sykes, Todd, Wickard—85.

*Nays*—Messrs. Abbott, Audoun, Baker, Brooks, Cunningham, Cushing, Dellinger, Dennis, Earle, Farrow, Greene, Harwood, Hatch, Hebb, Kennard, Parker, Pugh, Ridgely, Russell, Schley, Scott, Smith, of

Dorchester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Valliant, Wooden—26.

The motion to strike out the words "three thousand" was accordingly agreed to.

Mr. VALLIANT, when his name was called, said: I think that for the first three or four years after the inauguration of this new system, the superintendent of public instruction, if he faithfully discharges his duties will be entitled to receive at least three thousand dollars per annum. I would rather increase the sum than make it less. But after the new system has been fully inaugurated, say after three or four years, I think that perhaps less than three thousand dollars will be sufficient. I shall therefore vote "no" upon this motion.

The PRESIDENT. The question is now upon filling the blank which has been created by striking out the words "three thousand."

Mr. DAVIS, of Washington, moved to fill the blank with the words "two thousand."

Mr. HEBB moved to insert the words "two thousand five hundred."

The PRESIDENT. The question will be first taken upon the largest sum—twenty-five hundred.

Mr. MILLER. My vote on this amount would be influenced somewhat by knowing whether these words "exclusive of office and travelling expenses" are to remain in this section. I had proposed to amend by striking out those words, and inserting "and such additional sum for travelling and incidental expenses as the general assembly may by law allow."

The PRESIDENT. That amendment is not now in order. The question is first upon filling the blank.

Mr. SCHLEY. I shall oppose both of these amendments, with the view of offering another to this effect: fill the blank with the words "four thousand," and striking out the words "exclusive of office and travelling expenses."

Mr. DAVIS, of Charles. I give notice that at the proper time I shall move to amend by inserting after the word "expenses," the words "which office or travelling expenses shall not exceed five hundred dollars."

The question was upon the motion of Mr. HEBB, to fill the blank with the words "twenty-five hundred."

Mr. DENNIS, of Charles, called the yeas and nays upon this question, and they were ordered.

The question being then taken, by yeas and nays, it resulted—yeas 41, nays 20—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Audoun, Baker, Brooks, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Dellinger, Dennis, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Harwood, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Kennard, King, Larsh, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Parker, Pugh,